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Dear Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on June 13, 2008.

Claim Amendments

1. Please amend claims 1, 3, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 35 as shown in the enclosed document.
2. Please delete claim 32.

Claim Objections

3. The Examiner objects to claim 22 on the grounds that no action is associated with "the cross-linking agent and antioxidant" in step (d) and asks us to amend the above-mentioned claim.

Claim 22 was amended to comply with the Examiner's request.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112

4. The Examiner rejects claim 3 as failing to comply with the written description requirement, as the claim contains subject matter which was not described in the specification.

Amended claim 3 renders the Examiner's objection moot.

5. The Examiner rejects claims 27 and 35 on the grounds that they recite the limitation "the semi-crystalline polymers" in claims 24 and 25, whereas there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in these latter claims.

Amended claims 27 and 35 render the Examiner's objection moot.